WP(C) 2815/2007

BEFORE

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Heard learned Counsels for the petitioners and Mr. Adhikari, learned State Counsel for the official respondents.

The facts in details need not be gone into. Suffice it to mention that the petitioners having responded to an advertisement published in the year’s 1994 for appointment of Village Level Extension Workers (hereafter referred to as the VLEW), were to be selected and accordingly were included in the select list dated 6/5/1996. In accordance with the published norms, the candidates selected were supposed to undergo one year pre-service training on the completion of which they were recruited as VLEW.

In view of the delay in acting on the select list for the said purpose and eventual cancellation thereof on 15/5/2003, several writ petitions were filed before this Court. It is inessential to deal with the details of the said proceedings and enough it would be to record that by the order dated 5/1/2006 passed in WP(C) 6608/04, the order of cancellation dated 15/5/2003 was interfered with and the respondents were directed to depute the petitioners therein for training as VLEW on their turn. This determination has been reiterated in several other writ petitions including WP(C) 8277/05 and WP(C) 119/07 wherein the same relief has been extended to the petitioners therein.

The present petitioners are before this Court with a grievance that inspite of the clear and categorical directions of this Court, they are yet not deputed for training. In the affidavit filed in WP(C) 2425/07, the Director of Agriculture, Assam, has admitted that the aforementioned select list is still in force and that the same has not yet been substituted.

In the above view of the matter, there is no justifiable reason to deprive the petitioners of the benefit of undertaking the VLEW training as has been accorded to persons similarly situated. These petitions are, therefore, disposed of with a direction to the respondents, more particularly, the Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, Agriculture Department, and Director of Agriculture, Assam, to cause immediate steps to be taken for deputing the petitioners for the above training in accordance with their position in the said select list. No costs.